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ALL evidences point to a coal boom for Texas.

In a short while there will be some railroad kings in Texas, and then—ah, then!

Congress has set a good example to the Texas legislature. Help the drouth sufferers.

The refrigerator company of Fort Worth has been formed and includes names that make a guarantee of success.

When the boom strikes Fort Worth with full force it will be a cyclone compared to any boom ever seen in Texas. And it is coming.

The Dallas Times has printed its promised surprise to THE GAZETTE. Thanks. Now, THE GAZETTE promises the Times a surprise that will be a surprise as is a surprise. Don't grow impatient.

A NATIONAL congress does out to a drouth-stricken, destitute region \$10,000 worth of seed to save them another year's starvation; while a state legislature appropriates \$50,000 to assist in the erection of a monument to her dead senator.

It is to be hoped that the council will veto the mayor's veto of the ordinance recalling the power granted him of remitting fines. The power has been used too lavishly and should be put where it originally vested—in the council.

A CONGRESSMAN from Pennsylvania got eueched; the railway man held the cards and declined to pass. The inter-state commerce bill is responsible for this innovation. From a holy fear that it may become a law and make the issuance of passes a penal offense, the high official saw no way to evade this provision, and became a law-honoring citizen.

GENTLEMEN of the legislature, give the newspapers a chance. Amend the libel law so that when the plaintiff lives in a different county from that in which the offending journal is printed he shall be compelled to aver in his petition that he has applied in vain for retraction or rectification of the wrong done him. No honest paper desires to injure any one and will readily correct an unintentional injury.

THE new paper promised by M. J. Nolan & Co. has made its appearance. The Southwest is a very handsome paper typographically, and is edited with all the ability the public had a right to expect from M. J. Nolan, who is one of the best writers in Texas. THE GAZETTE welcomes the Southwest into the field and wishes for it all the success the promises of its salutary fairly entitles it to. The Southwest can do good and we believe will labor honestly to accomplish it.

SHOULD congress vote for the relief of the Freedmen's bank depositors, President Cleveland would do well to get his veto power in good working order. Leaves that fall in Vallambrosa, or widows who claim from pension bureaus, would be tame comparison for the horde that will sweep down as beneficiaries of this provision. What kind of a returning board could be constructed to decide as to who were the "legal heirs of the origi-

nal sufferers?" There was a considerable amount of mormonism among the original depositors, and claimants will be abundant, even if this bill be so amended as to shut out those who speculated in these claims.

THERE is hope for the American dude; yes, a Yankee doodle do, for there is yet enough of Fourth of July left in him to enable him to assert his manhood. A reporter in Burlington, N. J., who saw a local in caricaturing one of the species, found himself served with a stinging slap in the face, which was repeated until outsiders interfered. The dude finds himself the hero of the village, and although it is a "hoax, don't cher know," he submits to the lionizing with the usual nonchalance of his kind.

THERE is a smack of Cromwellian days in Bismarck's mode of dealing with the reichstag. Why Kaiser William should be sad, so long as he had so compliant a minister to do his will, is as much of a riddle as Jacob weeping over kissing a pretty girl. Prince Bismarck forewarned this body if they did not pass the army bill as he desired it, he would bring down condign punishment upon it in the way of dissolution. They proved refractory, and the threat was carried out. The sadness of the German emperor can only be accounted for in the proneness of old age to be melancholy, deepened, perhaps, by the thought that he could not enjoy absolutism many more years.

THERE is a snug little sum accumulating for the successor of Leo XIII, provided that person is willing to become a pensioner of the Italian government, and renounce the claims of temporal sovereignty so persistently held by his predecessor. This annuity now amounts to \$10,000,000, and would prove a snug sum to set up housekeeping. In the meantime Italy swarms with lazzaroni who importunately besiege every passer by for alms. To a Protestant, it seems the wisest policy in the general government to employ this sum in the amelioration of the condition of the peasantry of the country than year by year to tender money to one who does not need it, and despises the hand which offers it. The revenues proper of the church and votive offerings ought to be sufficient for the occupant of the vatican, who claims to be the representative of Him who declared that foxes and birds possessed more than He.

"GLITTERING generalities" are not a satisfying way by which to account for money expended, especially when that money has been obtained from the small earnings of those who need all they make. The trade organizations have found this a burdensome tax, and this has decided the bricklayers of Boston to withdraw from the Knights of Labor. Is was, they said, pay out money all the time with no means of knowing how it was disbursed. According to the estimates of this union, the connection with that order cost them \$1100 up to November, 1886, every one presenting himself as a Knight, whether from Wisconsin or Texas, whether workman or not being entitled to help. The resources of workmen are far from unlimited, and there is just reason for their stopping to count the cost of maintaining so expensive a machine as the Knights of Labor, and of satisfying themselves whether the benefits accruing from membership are commensurate with the entailed expense.

THE FORT IS SERENE.

The efforts of the Dallas Times to disturb the serenity of Fort Worth are amusing. Would the Times know why its kindly endeavors are of no avail? There are potent reasons for Fort Worth's serenity of mind, and THE GAZETTE has no objection to stating them, for the record of the achievements of the city for the past year is a brilliant one—and all the more brilliant when it is considered in the light of the adverse conditions which surrounded its work.

In 1884 the failure of the Investment Company, following close on the heels of the financial flurry in New York, cost the people of this city hundreds of thousands of dollars, and that loss fell on the men who have been ever foremost in all good works. Then came the failure of the refrigerator works, into which the people had put their money. Then came the strike of 1885, and Fort Worth being a great railroad center, always feels most keenly such disturbances. Then came local financial shocks (not failures), accompanied by a great depression in the cattle interests and the ever-to-be-remembered small-pox quarantine of Dallas against its "sister city." These misfortunes were followed by the strike of 1886, which resulted in great hurt to this city, the railroad center of North Texas, and by a bitter partisan contest in which unscrupulous men arrayed town and country in hostility, and by a crop failure in the west, which section is more intimately connected in trade relations with Fort Worth than with all the other cities of Texas combined. Only the wonderful vitality and marvelous pluck of Fort Worth could have stood up against such combination of misfortunes, beginning with the Investment Company failure of 1884, and extending through 1885 into 1886, and including, in addition to strikes and quarantines, dire disaster to both the live stock and farming interests of the west, which is, in trade, bound in closest unity with this city.

For none of these misfortunes was Fort Worth responsible, and despite them all, what has the city done in the time mentioned? The record of its achievements during the period named is the best guarantee of that boom which is coming on to surprise its own people with a force unequalled by any progress made by any city in the state. If Fort Worth has done so much despite disasters, what will it do when its own magnificent pluck is supplemented by a revival of the cattle interests and by bountiful western harvests, and heavy immigration into that section which contains the public lands and which is tributary to this city? And what has Fort Worth done in this time, so laden with misfortunes beyond its control?

In 1886, Fort Worth put more money into business structures than did Dallas, whose paper would now disturb our serene self satisfaction.

In 1886, the merchants of Fort Worth sold more goods than they did in 1885, and there was not a failure of sufficient prominence to be now recalled; in 1886 there was more money in Fort Worth banks than in 1885, and more today than there was a year ago; since the beginning of the untoward events enumerated, Fort Worth has given nearly \$200,000 to new railroads; within the past year Fort Worth has gained railroad connection with the southeast by the Fort Worth and New Orleans and Houston and Texas Central roads; it has gained direct connection with Gainesville by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe;

It is putting steel rails on the Fort Worth and Rio Grande to the southwest; it is pushing, over the Fort Worth and Denver, as rapidly as man and money can accomplish the work into the Panhandle, a section that is richer in possibilities than any other in the state, and one bound to Fort Worth by reciprocal interests; it is locating a line into the northwest, and by May will have direct rail connection with Kansas City;

There never was made by any city such progress in the face of such adverse conditions, and the serenity of this place cannot be disturbed. These conditions must change, and when they do, and come to supplement the splendid pluck of Fort Worth the Times will see a boom that will appall it into silence and respect and a yearning desire to own Fort Worth real estate.

RELIEVE THE WEST.

The following letter was private to THE GAZETTE, but is printed that the facts may be known to the members of the legislature. And while on this subject THE GAZETTE would ask why any land law should be framed that did not look to an encouragement of the actual settler in all respects? All parties to the controversy over the land question affect to favor the settler, and all men know that only the poor seek homes on the frontier, away from comforts and civilization. Why not make all sales laws with the extreme of liberality to the man who goes to privation and discomfort in the effort to make a home, and aid in the development of Texas? It would be money in the pockets of the state if there was a home on every section of land, and why should there be forfeiture in three years? Or in ninety days? Let the men who are legislating to settle the waste places of Texas consider of this thing.

GOLDTHWAITE, TEX., Jan. 12, 1887.
To the Editor of the Gazette.
DEAR SIR—I have just finished a trip through Coleman, Runnels and this county, and thought as land matters claimed my special attention, I would give the editor of my favorite paper the benefit of one thing I learned on my trip, and that is this: Quite a number of poor men have purchased state school lands under resolution No. 19, state land board, which requires the purchaser to become an actual settler within ninety days from date of application, or forfeit the land without judicial proceedings. This is well, but quite a number of men in the drouth-stricken district were prevented in consequence of the drouth from improving their lands in said ninety days, and therefore they must either lose their first payment and refile, or let some more fortunate neighbor come in and get the land. Again, the same resolution says that any abandonment within three years, or in other words, compels them to remain three consecutive years on the land or forfeit the same.

Now, at least 30 per cent. of the purchasers in the drouth district will lose their land under this resolution, unless the legislature passes an act for their relief. This is not for publication, being simply intended as a means of awakening inquiry.

AS TO THE PISTOL.

Pistol carrying is too common in Texas. Especially is it too common in communities where there is absolutely no excuse for the practice. A man traveling in a wild, sparsely settled country may urge justification for having a pistol as a traveling companion, but such cases are isolated and rare. If the legislature can do anything that will have a tendency to make the pistol less popular and familiar, the public will say amen. Of course there is no way to bring about such a reform save by repressive measures and education. Both of these agencies must be invoked, for one alone is not equal to the task. It will be well if the law against the carrying of concealed weapons is made more severe than now. Its pains and penalties must be of a nature to deter. There are some people who can not be taught by any other means than legal penalties. And society will find work worthy of its highest aspirations in co-operating with the law to set the seal of condemnation on the habit of pistol carrying. Why should an orderly, respectable citizen, in a community of orderly people, where there is police protection and all the machinery of law, make a walking arsenal of himself, as so many men do, and yet claim to be respectable members of society? There is nothing brave or manly in the practice, and its tendencies are as pernicious as its results are too often deplorable. It is a

practice that ought to disappear as civilization progresses, and measures that are calculated to hasten its abolition are in the best interests of morality and safety for human life. There are several sensible measures now before the legislature designed to deal with the pistol evil, and it is to be hoped that at least one of them (it does not greatly matter which one, as all are commendable), may be incorporated in the penal statutes of the state. It is high time the pistol should go.

TEXAS IN TYPE.

Clippings from State Exchanges on Matters of Interest.

Cotton is still being offered for sale on the streets of Gainesville.

Gen. Johnson of Burnet had 6000 acres of grass burned last week.

The local option law goes into effect in Kaufman county on the 27th of this month.

John Patrick of Harrison county has been adjudged insane, and will be sent to the asylum at Terrell.

The last two weeks of cold, dry weather have nearly finished the wheat crop in Eastland county.

A leopard-cat was killed near Waco which measured four feet from tip to tip, and weighed eighteen pounds.

The town of Midland lacks a furniture store, and it is thought there that such an enterprise would be profitable.

There is a great scarcity of running water throughout Grayson county, only two of what were large creeks now running.

The architect appointed to inspect the work done on the Meridian court-house reports unfavorably, showing in places gross violations of contract.

J. S. Works of Oklahoma fame has visited Odessa, Midland county, with a view of locating a colony there, and is favorably impressed with the natural advantages of the country.

INTERNAL REVENUE REDUCTION.
What the Texas Delegates in Congress Say About It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The following extracts from interviews with the Texas delegation in congress on the subject of reducing the internal revenue taxes will be of interest to our readers:

"I don't believe in telling you folks what we are going to do," was the remark made by Mr. Mills, when the questions were put to him, but he related sufficiently to give forth the following: "Any bill that has in view the reduction of the tobacco tax would have to be leavened with reductions on a great many other articles before it would have my support. I think sugar duty should be reduced to a reasonable figure. At present it is too high."

Mr. Jones—"It is sufficient to say that I am a Democrat. Of course the necessities of life must be relieved first and luxuries, such as tobacco and whisky, afterward. I would not vote for free sugar; the duty might be reduced some."

Mr. Culbertson favors "taking the duty off wool—in fact, make all raw material free. There should be a considerable reduction on manufactured iron and on woolen goods. It would take the tax off fruit, brandy and tobacco, and reduce the duty on sugar to a strictly revenue basis. Lumber and salt should be on the free list."

Mr. Throckmorton is "opposed to a removal of the internal revenue taxes until the public debt is paid. I think a gradual reduction should take place. Sugar should go on the free list."

Mr. Miller—"I am opposed to any change in the internal revenue laws until something is done to relieve the necessities of life. Sugar should not go on the free list. If it were to be placed there then we would have to increase the duties on other articles to fill up the hole that would be made by taking away one-fourth of our present revenue from import duties."

Mr. Crain—"I am opposed to the removal of the tobacco tax, and heartily in favor of continuing the present duty on sugar."

Mr. Stuart—"I do not propose to assist in removing any of the tax on tobacco, whisky, etc., until there is a general reformation of import duties."

Mr. Sayres—"I am opposed to the removal of the taxes on tobacco, cigars, wines, whisky or fruit brandy, for the reason that I believe it would interfere with and defeat the reduction of taxes on actual necessities. I am in favor of consideration of reduction of the duty on sugar, if brought up in connection with remedial legislation for the other necessities of life."

FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO DECIDE.
Is the Actual Settler to be Kept Off of the School Lands?

BALLINGER, TEX., Jan. 20, 1887.
To the Editor of the Gazette.

We would like to state a fact which has often occurred in Western Texas for several years past. Cattle corporations and cattle companies have, through their members individually, leased one or more watered sections of state school lands, being jointly used for the corporation or firm in one large pasture, and have recently sued and sequestered some of the lands and dispossessed poor farmers and actual settlers off said lands, who in good faith have settled on said lands with intention of buying them, and have tendered the amount of money required by law for the purchase of said lands. Will the present legislature give them relief or will they encourage corporations in barring off the settlement of large bodies of rich land belonging to the state school and asylum funds from being bought and settled on by her citizens who only want the opportunity to do so? Let the present legislature answer.

Fatal Fall from a Freight.
Correspondence of the Gazette.

GILMER, TEX., Jan. 18.—When the south-bound freight reached here this morning at 1:25, William Homer, head brakeman, was missed. Conductor Briley, who was in charge of the train, immediately started back to search for him. At a point about ten miles north of Gilmer his remains were found with the head and body on the outside of the track and his legs between the rails, the body having been cut completely in two. He was on the engine and started back to set the brakes when he fell with the above result. A coroner's jury was impeached and after hearing the evidence returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The company will have the remains neatly interred at this place.

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THE HUB.
What the Esteemed Contemporaries Say of The Gazette's Railroad Map.

TELLS A TRUE TALE.
The Fort Worth Gazette's new circular map, about the size of a half dollar, showing the Fort as the hub of a wheel with eleven spokes, each of which represent a railroad. The best of it is, nine of these roads are built or now under construction, and the other two are pretty safe in the near future. The Fort is a railway center; that little half-dollar map tells a true tale.—(Waco Day.)

ON THE REFRIGERATOR.
In the center of the head line of the Fort Worth GAZETTE is placed a circle, and in the center of this circle is located the city, from which radiates lines in every direction representing the number of railroads running to that city. Fort Worth is like a fish—she is lost out of her element. Put a fish in water and it swims smoothly; put that town on a railroad scheme and she moves right along. Dallas copes with her on the meat factory question, and the Fort is humping herself, but the way for her to succeed is to imagine it a railroad and cry "On to the meat refrigerator." This is her only hope.—(Cleburne Reporter.)

BUSTED INTO SPLINTERS.
That little circular map that the Fort Worth GAZETTE is wearing as part of its head gear, looks like a superannated cart wheel that has busted its spokes all into splinters and kept the splinters sticking in the hub.—(Honey Grove Citizen.)

A PRETTY DESIGN.
The Fort Worth GAZETTE has adopted a new "crest" for its title. It is a circular map, of which Fort Worth is the center, railroads running from all points to it. Dallas is represented as a way station. It rests on a base, one side of which is a locomotive and the other a group of cattle. A turtle, the moral of which is not quite clear, is crawling on the outer edge. Altogether it is quite a pretty design, and will no doubt have a depreciating influence on Dallas real estate values.—(Dallas Times.)

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.
The new map of Fort Worth which THE GAZETTE has incorporated into its "hub" looks like a Mexican silver dollar that had been run through an old fashioned sausage mill.—(Galveston Tribune.)

THAT SPIDER WEB.
What the device that spider-web looking concern with a circle around it and a star in the center that the Fort Worth GAZETTE prints in the middle of its headline?—(Aurora News.)

ADMIRKS THE FORT.
The Fort Worth GAZETTE has put a representation of a small world in its main head line, from which it is plain to see Fort Worth is the hub, from which radiating lines in eleven different directions. Dallas is put down as a way station on the Texas and Pacific. Well, we can't help but admire THE GAZETTE and the people of Fort Worth for their pluck and enterprise, and do not wonder that they imagine themselves the hub of a world of their own.—(Hillsboro Reflector.)

ON WITH THE RUST.
The Fort Worth GAZETTE appeared on the 12th with a new design on its head, same being a railroad map showing the Fort as the railroad center of the world. If the Fort "does not get there," it will not be owing to want of effort on the part of that great newspaper THE GAZETTE. "On with the rust."—(Wills Point Chronicle.)

ITS HISTORY.
The front of the estimable Fort Worth GAZETTE is now embellished with a picture of the globe, in which Fort Worth is the center. This claim to being the exact center of the world is of record. In 1613 an exploring party under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Father McGloin, a Jesuit missionary, fixed upon the spot where Fort Worth now stands as the exact center of the earth, led to the spot by the variations of the magnetic needle. The fact was established by protracted verifications by theodolite surveys, a study of the aberration of light in the fixed stars, and a stone marked C. T. was fixed in a spot about thirty feet from where the court-house now stands. A full report is contained in the archives of a monastery at Madrid.—(Waco Examiner.)

SHOWS OUR TERRITORY.
The new heading of the Fort Worth GAZETTE is another indication of the enterprise of the paper. An extensive territory, including a number of cities and towns, and showing Fort Worth's numerous railroad lines, is represented in circular form, with Fort Worth as the center.—(Georgetown Sun.)

Notes from Gatesville.
Correspondence of the Gazette.

GATESVILLE, TEX., Jan. 20.—D. Larkins, Sam and Joe Hilton, charged with stealing horses, were arrested by our sheriff and deputies a day or so ago. They had in their possession four horses, a Winchester, three six-shooters and a lot of dynamite cartridges. They claim to have purchased the oats and horses in San Saba county. Our officials will hold the men until further developments.

The best, most wonderful and useful manifestations of enterprise in our city yet noticed by your reporter is Mr. Benj. Worley's patent roller flouring mill. The new three-story building is completed and fitted out with the best of machinery. One would think himself in some of the Northern flouring mills to go through and examine the machinery and watch its operations. As for the turn out, there is no flour that surpasses Worley's Patent. Our town and county are manifesting their appreciation of Mr. Worley's enterprise by their patronage. Indeed, it is enough to stimulate our farmers to the utmost in the cultivation of wheat.

Rev. John Forman of India, who has been here for some time at his brother's bedside, took his departure Monday. While here he lectured at the Methodist church. He is an intelligent man and a good speaker.

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